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## REQUEST FOR REFUND FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 50-1141

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Docket No.:	20005.14
Serial No.:	09/992,690
Charge:	\$27.00

### FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Amount of Refund Requested</u>
Claims in excess of 20	\$27.00

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED \$27.00

### MANNER OF REFUND

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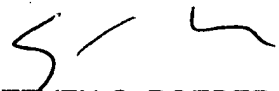
### CONCLUDING REMARKS

Applicant submits the added fee was the result of a mistake on the part of the

USPTO. The Response to Office Action filed on June 11, 2003 clearly states that there are 45 claims remaining after the Amendment, 10 of which are independent claims. The highest number previously paid for is for 31 claims, 4 being independent claims. Therefore, the additional fee (at the small entity rate) of \$378.00 was submitted by check (\$126.00 for the 14 extra claims and \$42.00 for the 6 extra independent claims). The status of the claims is as follows: claims 3, 18-25, and 32-67 are pending claims (total of 45); and claims 3, 18, 21, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 52, and 65 are independent claims (total of 10 independent claims). In light of the foregoing, Applicant requests immediate attention to this matter and a timely refund.

Should there be any questions remaining, please call the undersigned at 858-456-1951.

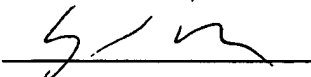
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